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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please amend claims 1-3, 5, 8-10, and 12 as follows:**

1. (Amended) A power generator comprising:

a stator;

a rotor positioned adjacent the stator, the rotor having a plurality of slots formed therein;

a plurality of a rotor coils each positioned within a respective one of the plurality of slots;

and

a plurality of rotor wedges each positioned to retain a respective one of the plurality of rotor coils within the one respective one of the plurality of slots, each of the plurality of rotor wedges having a wedge body and at least one substantially hollow cavity means formed in the wedge body so that the at least one hollow cavity means is substantially evenly distributed about a neutral axis of stress applied to the wedge body when in use and so that the neutral axis of stress of the wedge body having the hollow cavity means is substantially the same neutral axis of stress of a wedge body having substantially the same shape as the wedge body without the hollow cavity means.

2. (Amended) A power generator as defined in Claim 1, wherein the at least one hollow cavity means extends through the wedge body and is positioned within the wedge body.

3. (Amended) A power generator as defined in Claim 1, wherein the at least one hollow cavity means comprises a plurality of longitudinally extending and substantially hollow cavities substantially evenly distributed about the neutral axis of stress of the wedge body so that the neutral axis of stress of the wedge body having the plurality of hollow cavities is substantially

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the same neutral axis of stress of a wedge body having substantially the same shape as the wedge body without the plurality of hollow cavities.

5. (Amended) A power generator as defined in Claim 4, wherein the at least one hollow cavity means extends through the wedge body and is positioned within the wedge body.

8. (Amended) A rotor wedge for a power generator, the rotor wedge comprising a wedge body and at least one substantially hollow cavity means formed in the wedge body so that the at least one hollow cavity means is substantially evenly distributed about a neutral axis of stress applied to the wedge body when in use and so that the neutral axis of stress of the wedge body having the hollow cavity means is substantially the same neutral axis of stress of a wedge body having substantially the same shape as the wedge body without the hollow cavity means.

9. (Amended) A rotor wedge as defined in Claim 8, wherein the at least one hollow cavity means extends through the wedge body and is positioned within the wedge body.

10. (Amended) A rotor wedge as defined in Claim 8, wherein the at least one hollow cavity means comprises a plurality of substantially hollow cavity means substantially evenly distributed about the neutral axis of stress of the wedge body so that the neutral axis of stress of the wedge body having the plurality of hollow cavity means is substantially the same neutral axis of stress of a wedge body having substantially the same shape as the wedge body without the plurality of hollow cavity means.

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12. (Amended) A rotor wedge as defined in Claim 11, wherein the at least one hollow cavity means extends through the wedge body and is positioned within the wedge body.